

June 11, 2013

The Blue Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2013. Mayor Pro-Tem Lana Manzanita called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Kevin Benjamin, Stephen Kullmann and Greg Sawatzky. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen. Mayor Sherman Schapiro was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the agenda after removing item 5 and moving item 8 and 6 above 4 in that order. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Stephanie Thompson from Dell Arte reported to the Council that they received the Community Arts Grant for \$350,000.00 She thanked City Manager John Berchtold and Councilmember Greg Sawatzky for their help in getting the grant processed.

Resident Charis Bowman -Parking Issue on B Street (Discussion)

Charis Bowman reported to Council the issue of parking at the end of B Street. The street ends into her parcel and the small parking space at the end causes her property to be blocked from use when a motor vehicle is parked there. Mrs. Bowman has future plans for a garage or car port and would like to be able to access her parcel from the B Street side, reducing the number of cars on Hartman. After discussion on how to proceed, Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to direct staff to alert Sheriff and get started on an Ordinance for parking on B Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Levee Update by County Supervisor Mark Lovelace (Discussion)

Hank Seaman for Humboldt County Public Works gave a presentation on the current levee and flood insurance rate maps. The County and the City of Blue Lake have a joint agreement for levee flood protection. In 2009, a draft for a revised map was required for the whole County, and the County was given a two year grace period to get studies to prove the levee is good. The steps for the study were completed and is in review with FEMA at this point. In 2011, the County applied for a State grant and was awarded only sixty percent, leaving a balance of \$32,000.00. The County is asking the City for \$10,000.00 and the County to cover the \$22,000.00. Completion of the revised mapping is estimated to be mid to late 2014.

Councilmember Manzanita: Sewer Capacity (Discussion)

Council had discussion on the subject of sewer capacity for the Industrial Park, residents and small business in town. City Manager Berchtold stated three things to consider when allocating sewer capacity. What are future needs for existing businesses, commercial and Rancheria? Consideration for new businesses that may come in. And what type of business that they would be.

Consider Strategic Planning Amendments (Action)

City Manager Berchtold presented a list of items to the Council for consideration as Strategic Planning amendments. The items were put in order of priority and Council has requested City Manager Berchtold for a recommended timeline for these items. The first item is updating the personnel handbook, the second items are Greenwood Intersection rebuild and Powers Creek Restoration, the third items are yard enforcement, animal waste regulations, and bulb outs.

Completion of Third Quarter Strategic Planning Results (Discussion)

City Manager Berchtold reported that Direct Deposit was included in the Strategic Plan for the third quarter of the current fiscal year. There was discussion on policy for new employees, and current employees opting out of direct deposit. After further discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to amend the Strategic Plan with "investigate feasibility of Direct Deposit for future employees". The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Agreement (Action)

After review of the information provided by City Manager Berchtold, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, subject to any modifications made by the City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda (Action)**May 2013 Warrants**

Councilmember Benjamin moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Kullmann reported upcoming meetings for Park & Recreation Commission on June 19, 2013 and Mad River Alliance meeting on June 26, 2013 and Paddle With a Purpose pot luck on June 29, 2013. Councilmember Manzanita reported that she attended the Redwood Coast Action meeting. She suggested to Council to think about parade participation at Annie and Mary Day. City Manager Berchtold reported on the traffic calming methods of striping Chartin Road and the use of a portable speed device on Chartin Road.

Motion to Adopt Minutes from May 28, 2013

Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the May 28, 2013 minutes. The motion carried with Councilmember Kullmann abstaining.

Future Agenda Items

Sewer report on capacity; Budget Amendment for 2013; Budget for 2013-14; Water and Sewer Rate Ordinances; Public Notice for Blue Lake Power.

Correspondence: a.)Public Notice – North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District

City Manager Berchtold gave clarification on the correspondence; Blue Lake Power is up for a renewal permit from Air Quality Management District.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk